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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

JENNIFER FLETCHER.

Case No. 1:18-cv-00007-HRH

Plaintiff,

JOINT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

v.

THE STATE OF ALASKA,

Defendant.

The parties, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (c) and D.Ak. L.R. 37.1, jointly move the Court for the entry of the parties' proposed Stipulated Protective Order, which governs certain confidential information and documents related to this case. The proposed Stipulated Protective Order specifies the conditions under which confidential documents and information in possession of the parties must be exchanged, used, and protected in this litigation, and authorizes the parties to disclose that information in furtherance of this litigation. The proposed Stipulated Protective Order is justified by Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and is necessary in order for the parties to timely proceed with discovery.

The Ninth Circuit has affirmed "district courts have broad latitude to grant protective orders to prevent disclosure of materials for many types of information, including, but not limited to, trade secrets or other confidential research, development, or commercial information." *Phillips ex rel. Estates of Byrd v. General Motors Corp.*, 307 F.3d 1206, 1210-11 (9th Cir. 2002). This case involves, among other things, issues related to Plaintiff's medical information. Recognizing the inherently sensitive nature of confidential information such as this, the parties have agreed to a procedure for handling such information as set forth in the Stipulated Protective Order accompanying this Motion. The parties accordingly move this Court to exercise its "wide

discretion in controlling discovery," and enter their accompanying proposed Stipulated Protective Order. *Jeff D. v. Otter*, 643 F.3d 278, 289 (9th Cir. 2011) (quoting *Little v. City of Seattle*, 863 F.2d 681, 685 (9th Cir.1988)).

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